Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

# Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 KUALA 00520 200846Z
ACTION EA-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 AID-05 CIAE-00 COME-00 EB-08 FRB-03
INR-07 NSAE-00 USIA-06 TRSE-00 XMB-02 OPIC-03
SP-02 LAB-04 SIL-01 OMB-01 NSC-05 SS-15 STR-06
CEA-01 DODE-00 PA-01 PRS-01 /084 W
----------076333 210058Z /45
R 200732Z JAN 78
FM AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR
TO SECSTATE WASHDDC 1849
INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK
AMEMBASSY CANBERRA
AMCONSUL HONG KONG
AMEMBASSY JAKARTA
AMEMBASSY MANILA
AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE
AMEMBASSY TOKYO
CINCPAC

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE KUALA LUMPUR 0520

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O.11652: N/A
TAGS: EINV, ASEAN, MY
SUBJECT: EDITORIAL ON ASEAN INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS

1. IN EDITORIAL ENTITLED "SECOND THOUGHTS ON ASEAN PROJECTS," MALAYSIA'S DAILY FINANCIAL NEWSPAPER, "BUSINESS TIMES," OFFERED PESSIMISTIC REVIEW OF THREE OF THE FIVE ASEAN INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS. COMMENTING ON LACK OF PROGRESS, EDIORIAL STATED THAT "THE DELAY RAISES DOUBTS WHETHER THE PROJECTS ARE THE RIGHT ONES FOR LAUNCHING THIS PATH-BREAKING EXERVISE IN REGIONAL COOPERATION." EDITORIAL SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED THAT THE GOM BELIEVES THAT PHILIPPINE SUPER PHOSPHATE PROJECT AND SINGAPORE'S DIESEL ENGINE PLANT WILL NOT BE IMPLEMENTED. THE EDITORIAL STATED THAT THE PHILIPPINE
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 KUALA 00520 200846Z

PROJECT IS NOT FEASIBLE BECAUSE OF THE HIGH COST OF IMPORTED ROCK PHOSPHATES AND THE DEPRESSED STATE OF THE WORLD COPPER MARKET AND THAT THE SINGAPORE PROJECT IS IN TROUBLE BECAUSE OF INDONESIANDECISIONTO LIMIT PREFERENTIAL ACCESS TO ITS MARKET FOR SMALLER DIESEL ENGINES. EDITORIAL ALSO MENTIONED THAT MALAYSIA'S PROJECT, A UREA PLANT, IS OF QUESTIONABLE ECONOMIC VIABILITY AND MAY NOT GET OFF THE GROUND. EDITORIAL CONCLUDED BY CALLING

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

FOR HIGH LEVEL MEETING OF ASEAN LEADERS TO CONSIDER PROBLEMS
AND TO GET PROGRAM ROLLING AGAIN.

2. COMMENT: THIS IS THE MOST DIRECTLY PESSIMISTIC ACCOUNT WE
HAVE YET SEEN OF THE PROSPECTS FOR THE ASEAN PROJECTS. WHILE WE
HAVE NO SPECIAL INFORMATION THE PHILIPPINE AND SINGAPOREAN
PROJECTS, MANY OBSERVERS IN MALAYSIA HAVE LONG FELT THAT THE
MALAYSIAN PROJECT MADE LITTLE ECONOMIC SENSE WITH INDONESIA
PLANNING ON BRINGING SEVERAL UREA PLANTS ON STREAM IN THE FUTURE
AND WITH THE WORLDPRESENTLY FACING OVERPRODUCTION OF UREA.
MILLER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

# Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** Z
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994
**Channel Indicators:** n/a
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED
**Concepts:** PRESS COMMENTS, INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, REFUGEES, FOREIGN INVESTMENTS, PROGRAMS (PROJECTS)
**Control Number:** n/a
**Copy:** SINGLE
**Draft Date:** 20 jan 1978
**Decaption Date:** 20 Mar 2014
**Decaption Note:** 25 YEAR REVIEW
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED
**Disposition Approved on Date:**
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW
**Disposition Date:** 20 Mar 2014
**Disposition Event:**
**Disposition History:** n/a
**Disposition Reason:**
**Disposition Remarks:**
**Document Number:** 1978KUALA00520
**Document Source:** CORE
**Document Unique ID:** 00
**Drafter:** n/a
**Enclosure:** n/a
**Executive Order:** N/A
**Errors:** N/A
**Expiration:**
**Film Number:** D780090-0003, D780030-0754
**Format:** TEL
**From:** KUALA LUMPUR
**Handling Restrictions:**
**Image Path:**
**ISecure:** 1
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t19780141/aaaabign.tel
**Line Count:** 73
**Litigation Code IDs:**
**Litigation Codes:**
**Litigation History:**
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
**Message ID:** f522c7e1-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
**Office:** ACTION EA
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
**Original Handling Restrictions:** LIMDIS
**Original Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** LIMDIS
**Page Count:** 2
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** LIMDIS
**Reference:** 78 BANGKOK 844
**Retention:** 0
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED
**Review Content Flags:**
**Review Date:** 06 may 2005
**Review Event:**
**Review Exemptions:** n/a
**Review Media Identifier:**
**Review Release Date:** n/a
**Review Release Event:** n/a
**Review Transfer Date:**
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a
**SAS ID:** 3742083
**Secure:** OPEN
**Status:** NATIVE
**Subject:** EDITORIAL ON ASEAN INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS
**TAGS:** EINV, SOPN, SREF, MY, ASEAN
**To:** STATE HA
**Type:** TE
**vdkvgwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/f522c7e1-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
**Review Markings:**
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014